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## E-Legislative Update

February 7 – February 13, 2011



We are in the fifth week of the legislative session and committee hearings in the House and Senate are still in progress. This is the time where you have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

You may also access our policy briefing papers which examine issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. This week's [featured brief](#) is on "The Impact of Asian American & Pacific Islander Graduation Rates on Our Economy."

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### Early Learning & K-12 Education

**2/7/11 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 1

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5479](#) - Regarding high school mathematics and science assessments.

## **Education**

**2/10/11 8:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1163](#) - Concerning harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention.
2. [HB 1599](#) - Establishing the pay for actual student success dropout prevention program.

## **Education**

**2/11/11 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1669](#) - Regarding the educational opportunity gap.

## **Higher Education & Workforce Development**

**2/11/11 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5572](#) - Authorizing institutions of higher education to limit enrollment in the running start program.

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## **Health Care and Human Services**

### **Early Learning & Human Services**

**2/8/11 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

- 1 . [HB 1741](#) - Regarding temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

## **Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance**

**2/9/11 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 2  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5482](#) - Authorizing existing funding to house victims of human trafficking and their families.

## **Judiciary**

**2/11/11 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5546](#) - Concerning the crime of human trafficking.

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## **Economic Development**

### **Labor & Workforce Development**

**2/11/11 8:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1597](#) - Achieving economic security through income sufficient to meet basic needs.

Information is current as of: February 4, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

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**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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